

On page 4, after the sixth paragraph, insert:

Q3 Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 4, after the tenth paragraph, insert:

Q4 Detailed Description

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4 and 10 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Q5 1. (AMENDED) A method of data management on a storage medium (10), the storage medium (10) comprising a variety of blocks (21) in which data can be stored, a first block (22) from said variety of blocks (21) being selected to execute a mutation on, characterized by determining whether the wear level of the first block (22) is acceptable for executing the mutation, and if so, executing the mutation on the first block (22), and otherwise

- choosing from said variety a second block (23) with a lower wear level than the first block (22), and
- copying the data of the second block (23) to the first block (22), wherein the limit value is increased when the majority of the counters of the blocks from said variety exceed the limit value.

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7. (AMENDED) A system for data management on a storage medium (10), the storage medium (10) comprising a variety of blocks in which data can be stored, the system being arranged for selecting a first block (22) from said variety of blocks (21) to execute a mutation on, characterized by control means (26) for determining whether the wear level of the first block (22) is acceptable for executing the mutation, and if so, executing the mutation on the first block (22), and for otherwise

- choosing from said variety a second block (23) with a lower wear level than the first block (22), and
- copying the data of the second block (23) to the first block (22), wherein the control means (26) are arranged for increasing the limit value when the majority of the counters of the blocks from said variety exceed the limit value.

R E M A R K S

Appropriate headings have been inserted into the present application, as required by the Examiner.

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Assar et al. Based on the following, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The subject matter of cancelled Claims 4 and 10 have been respectively incorporated into Claims 1 and 7. In addressing these features in the above rejection, it was stated that not while specifically stated, this is the only way to continue to use the blocks for reading and writing.